

SENATE BILL No. 169

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-26.

Synopsis: Study of charitable contribution tax incentives. Establishes the commission on community renewal to study issues related to encouraging contributions to charitable organizations.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY**
3 **1, 1999]:**

4 **Chapter 26. Commission on Community Renewal**

5 **Sec. 1. The commission on community renewal is established.**

6 **Sec. 2. (a) The commission consists of eleven (11) members**
7 **appointed as follows:**

8 **(1) Four (4) members of the senate, not more than two (2) of**
9 **whom may be affiliated with the same political party, to be**
10 **appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.**

11 **(2) Four (4) members of the house of representatives, not**
12 **more than two (2) of whom may be affiliated with the same**
13 **political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of**
14 **representatives.**

15 **(3) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general**
16 **assembly to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the**
17 **senate.**



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(4) One (1) individual who is not a member of the general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) The commissioner of the department of state revenue or the commissioner's designee.

(b) The individuals appointed under subsection (a)(3) and (a)(4) must be knowledgeable about funding needs for charitable organizations.

Sec. 3. The chairman of the legislative council shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chair. Whenever there is a new chairman of the legislative council, the new chairman may remove the chair of the commission and appoint another chair.

Sec. 4. If a legislative member of the commission ceases being a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the member ceases to be a member of the commission.

Sec. 5. A legislative member of the commission may be removed at any time by the appointing authority who appointed the legislative member.

Sec. 6. If a vacancy exists on the commission, the appointing authority who appointed the former member whose position has become vacant shall appoint an individual to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 7. (a) The commission shall study and make recommendations concerning the following:

(1) The efficiency and efficacy of providing individuals a credit against state income taxes or a comparable benefit for contributions to charitable organizations working to prevent or reduce poverty and to protect and encourage donations to charitable organizations.

(2) Tort reform changes needed to encourage contributions to charitable organizations, including exemption of a business entity from civil liability for injury or death resulting from:

(A) the use by a nonprofit organization of donated equipment or facilities, or the loan of aircraft or motor vehicles; and

(B) business facility tours.

(3) Changes in the administration of federal grant programs by the state that would encourage contributions to charitable organizations.

(b) The commission may study other topics assigned by the legislative council or as directed by the commission's chair.

Sec. 8. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Operate under the direction of the legislative council.



1 (2) Issue reports when directed to do so by the legislative
2 council.

3 Sec. 9. (a) The legislative services agency shall provide staff
4 support to the commission.

5 (b) The department of state revenue shall cooperate with the
6 commission and the legislative services agency to provide a fiscal
7 and tax analysis of issues studied by the commission.

8 Sec. 10. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive
9 the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to
10 individuals who serve as legislative and lay members, respectively,
11 on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

12 Sec. 11. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting
13 members appointed to the commission are required for the
14 commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

15 Sec. 12. This chapter expires December 31, 2004.

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